

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 28, 2008

PRESENT:

Doris Fischer
Laura Gavey
Michael Greb
Rosemary Natoli
Everett E. Newman III
Brian J. Sales

Dr. William R. Bolton (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
Superintendent of Schools

Charles Leunig (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
Deputy Superintendent

Assistant Superintendents (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Dr. Kathleen Bannon – Curric. & Instr.
Allan W. Frank – Finance & Operations
Dr. Thomas J. Giannotti – Sp. Ed. & P.P.S.

ABSENT:

Henry Johnson

Christopher Clayton, Esq. (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Approximately 7 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Brian J. Sales, President, in the Board of Education Conference Room, with the opening exercises and a moment of silent meditation.

Roll Call of Board Members by the District Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to go into executive session to discuss a particular person.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to recess until 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of Student Recognition.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

FOR ACTION

1. Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of January 7, 2008.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Resignation for Retirement Purpose

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to accept the letter from Dr. William R. Bolton, Superintendent of Schools with his intention to resign for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2008.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Resolution Concerning the Resignation of a Staff Member

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following resolution, rescinding the Board action of November 5, 2007, and accepting the resignation of Dr. Thomas Giannotti:

RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the resolution of the Board of Education dated November 5, 2007, accepting the resignation of Dr. Thomas J. Giannotti from his position as Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services be and hereby is rescinded at the request of Dr. Giannotti, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Giannotti's resignation effective April 30, 2008 be and hereby is accepted by the Board of Education.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Requests for Leaves of Absence – Teaching: Elementary, ESL, Teaching Assistant

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the following leaves of absence, without pay:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Patrice Newman	Elementary Teacher Deauville Gardens	2003 – Present	5/16/08 terminating 6/30/08	Child Care

*April 4, 2008 through June 27, 2008 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement. These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Hilary Starr	ESL Teacher High School	1994 – Present	5/11/08 terminating 6/30/08	Child Care
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*March 30, 2008 through June 27, 2008 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement. These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Evelyn Reutter	Teaching Assistant Deauville Gardens	2006 – Present	12/3/07 terminating 2/22/08	Child Care
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Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Administrative Internships

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following requests for Administrative Internships:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Bethany Pokorny	Special Education Teacher High School	2003 – Present	March 3, 2008 through August 15, 2008

Michelle Budion	ESL Teacher Middle School	2004 – Present	March 3, 2008 through August 15, 2008
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Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

6. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following staff appointments:

a. Approval - Resolution - Emergency Conditional Appointments

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Copiague Union Free School District hereby appoints the following individuals on an emergency conditional basis pursuant to applicable provisions of the New York State Education Law:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Abrole, Anjana	School Nurse	1/29/08
Alisca, Joseph	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Almonte-Brown, Tania	Substitute Food Service Worker	1/29/08
Ancrum, Mamie	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Beglane, Martha	Student Teacher	1/29/08
Boswell, Sa-Rah	Substitute Food Service Worker	1/29/08
Brennan, Dina	Marching Band Instructor	1/29/08
Brennan, Florence	Student Teacher	1/29/08
Brown, Pamela	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Buckley, Stephanie	School Nurse	1/29/08
Caprioli, Lauren	Educational Bus Transportation	1/29/08
Carbone, Lauren	Student Teacher	1/29/08
Chase, Linda	Adult & Continuing Education Instructor	1/29/08
Cropsey, Robert	Substitute Guard	1/29/08
Cuesta, Lucy	Nursing Care Aide	1/29/08
D'Ambrosio, Carmen	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
D'Angelo, Sue	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
DiBenedetto, Donald	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Giacomin, Joseph	Math Consultant	1/29/08
Harwood, Bob	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Hauser, Joan	Substitute Clerk Typist	1/29/08
Herrero, Maria	Clerk Typist	1/29/08
Johnson, Shecka	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Kessler, Dr. Lawrence Jay	School Physician	1/29/08
Lisa, Michele	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Marroquin, Lorenna	Clerk Typist (part-time)	1/29/08
McCalmont, Peggy	Piano Accompanist	1/29/08
McKernan, Lupe	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Miller, Judith	Educational Bus Transportation	1/29/08
Pannullo, Lori	Band Instructor	1/29/08
Paschall, Rosetta	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Polito, Paul	School Security Guard	1/29/08
Ridley, Tai-Tainishia	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Rogers, Marius	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Santiago, Awilda	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Stevens, Shakema	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Thomas, Joy	Translator	1/29/08
Ticker, Dr. Jonathan	School Physician	1/29/08
Tupychak, Yuriy	Translator	1/29/08
Victor, Edith	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Vitollo, Debra	Athletic Trainer	1/29/08
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08

Wharton, Jor-El	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Yarbrough, Thomasa	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Yigit, Elena	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/29/08
Ziegelmeier, John	Substitute Custodial Worker	1/29/08

b. Appointment – Administrative: Interim – Elementary Assistant Principal

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Effective Date & Salary
Jon Rothfeld	NYS Permanent Certificates: School Administrator/ Supervisor School District Administrator eff. 9/1/75	Elementary Assistant Principal Deauville Gardens	On or after 1/29/08 and terminating on or before 6/30/08 Salary: \$375 per day

c. Appointments – Teaching: Regular Substitute – Psychologist, Elementary

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Effective Date & Salary
Suzanne Vozza	NYS Provisional Certificate School Psychologist eff. 9/1/07	School Psychologist Middle School	1/28/08 and terminating on or before 6/30/08 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$54,565 + Psychologist (.045) stipend (prorated) of the 2007-08 Teachers' Salary Schedule
Kristina Desiante	NYS Initial Certificate Childhood Education 1-6 eff. 9/1/05	Elementary Grades K-6 Middle School	1/28/08 and terminating on or before 6/30/08 Salary: Step 2 Column MA \$56,448 of the 2007-08 Teachers' Salary Schedule
Alyssa Frabizio	NYS Initial Certificate Childhood Education 1-6 eff. 9/1/06	Elementary Grades K-6 Deauville Gardens/ Great Neck Road/ Susan E. Wiley	11/13/07 and terminating on or before 6/30/08 Salary: Step 1 Column BA + 15 \$49,569 + \$4,700 TAG Stipend (prorated) of the 2007-08 Teachers' Salary Schedule

Pamela Knakal	NYS Initial Certificate Childhood Education 1-6 eff. 9/1/06	Elementary Grades K-6 Middle School	1/28/08 and terminating on or before 6/30/08 Salary: Step 2 Column MA \$56,448 of the 2007-08 Teachers' Salary Schedule
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d. Appointment – Teaching: Part Time (.6) Social Studies/(.4) Regular Substitute – Social Studies/(.4) Annual Per Diem Substitute

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Effective Date & Salary
Julia Wey	NYS Initial Certificate Social Studies 7-12 eff. 9/1/05	Social Studies 7-12 High School	1/29/08 and terminating on or before 6/30/08 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$54,565 (prorated) of the 2007-08 Teachers' Salary Schedule Effective upon the return of Ms. Phillips: Step 1 Column MA \$54,565 at .6 (\$32,739) (prorated) of the 2007-08 Teachers' Salary Schedule
		Annual Per Diem Substitute	\$120 per day @ .4 (\$48)

e. Appointments – Coaching – 2007/2008 Spring Season

Name	Assignment & Certification	Salary & Effective Date
Kenneth Rittenhouse	Varsity Baseball First Aid Expires 6/10	\$6,041 + \$400 longevity 3/1/08
William Bennett	Varsity Asst. Baseball First Aid Expires 6/10	\$4,454 3/1/08
Terrence Jablonski	JV Baseball First Aid Expires 4/10	\$4,634 3/1/08
James Konen	Varsity Boys Lacrosse First Aid Expires 2/08	\$6,041 + \$400 longevity 3/1/08
Kenneth Berry	Varsity Asst. Boys Lacrosse First Aid Expires 2/08	\$4,972 + \$400 longevity 3/1/08

Francis Salazar	JV Boys Lacrosse First Aid Pending	\$4,634 3/1/08
Patricia Stein	Varsity Girls Lacrosse First Aid Expires 1/09	\$6,041 3/1/08
Joanne Sullivan	Varsity Asst. Girls Lacrosse First Aid Expires 6/10	\$4,972 3/1/08
George Schroeder	Varsity Boys Track First Aid Expires 6/08	\$6,041 3/1/08
John Sack	Varsity Asst. Boys Track Expires 6/10	\$4,454 3/1/08
Antoinette Spencer	Varsity Girls Track First Aid Expires 6/10	\$6,041 + \$400 longevity 3/1/08
Steven Rebholz	Varsity Asst. Girls Track First Aid Expires 6/10	\$4,454 + \$400 longevity 3/1/08
Kristin Havdoglous	Varsity Softball First Aid Expires 11/08	\$6,041 3/1/08
Elizabeth Brennan	Varsity Asst. Softball First Aid Expires 1/09	\$4,454 3/1/08
Jonathan Cutolo	JV Softball First Aid Pending	\$4,634 3/1/08
Paul Kounadis	JV Boys Tennis First Aid Expires 10/09	\$3,895 3/1/08
Christopher Porcellini	Middle School Baseball First Aid Expires 6/10	\$3,272 3/1/08
Carole Olsen	Middle School Softball First Aid Expires 6/10	\$3, 272 3/1/08

Christopher Gaudio	Middle School Boys Track First Aid Expires 6/10	\$3,272 + \$400 longevity 3/1/08
Nicholas Lorenzen	Middle School Girls Track First Aid Expires 4/10	\$3,272 3/1/08
Peter Casale	Middle School Boys Lacrosse First Aid Expires 6/08	\$3,272 3/1/08
Maryanne Sarro	Middle School Gymnastics First Aid Expires 8/09	\$4,654 3/1/08
Jessica Mattera	Middle School Gymnastics Asst. First Aid Expires 4/10	\$3,177 3/1/08
Jacqueline Fitzharris	Middle School Boys Tennis First Aid Expires 4/10	\$3,272 3/1/08
Michael Ferretti	Middle School Girls Lacrosse First Aid Expires 10/10	\$3,272 3/1/08

f. Appointments – Co-Curricular – 2007-08 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Karla Cangelosi	Primary Literacy Facilitator Great Neck Road	\$1,500 Effective 12/18/07

*Ms. Cangelosi was previously appointed as Primary Literacy Facilitator at the Great Neck Road School with Laura Smith on December 17, 2007. Ms. Smith has since declined the appointment, leaving Ms. Cangelosi as the only Primary Literacy Facilitator in the building. As such, she should receive a stipend of \$1,500, which has previously been split.

Dan Pasaric	Head Chaperone Spring Season High School	\$1,500 plus \$60 per athletic event attended
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g. Appointments – Teaching: Staff - Grant Programs 2007-08

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Monica Csorny	Extended Day Homework Program Middle School	\$35 per hour 3/3/08
Paul Kounadis	Extended Day Math (Tues/Thurs) Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/22/08

Aribelys Taveras	ESL Extended Day Teaching Assistant Middle School ESL VATEA Grant	Step 1 - \$21.72 per hour 45 minutes per day 1/22/08 to on or before 6/27/08
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h. Appointments – High School After School Supervision Program 2007-08

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Alline Torrey	After School Supervision High School	\$32.50 per hour 2 hours per day 5 days per week 1/29/08
Jean-Marie Fortunato	After School Supervision Substitute High School	\$32.50 per hour 1/29/08
Daniel Barresi	After School Supervision Substitute High School	\$32.50 per hour 1/29/08

i. Appointment – Consultant

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Sherri Casey	Staff Development HS English Department	\$500 per day for 3 days (\$1,500)

Mrs. Casey was appointed as a consultant for staff development at the September 24, 2007 Board of Education Meeting for a total of 6 days. A Suffolk Edge Teacher's Center grant, which is to be used for ongoing staff development and training, will provide funding for this position for an additional 3 days.

j. Appointments – Home Tutors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Chantall Charles	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Mark Christie	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Kristina Holzweiss	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Laura Johnson	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Paul Kounadis	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Armando Marcenaro	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Richard Masterson	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Jennifer Veit	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour

Lori Beloff	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Patricia Calandra	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Talene Issa	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Dawn Masure	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Shannon Mayberry	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Beatrice Guido	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Danielle McClain	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Ester Davila	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Elizabeth Diffily	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Jean-Marie Fortunato	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Janet Guzowski	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Minnett Hall	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Anastasia Kourtis	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Diana LaSpina	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Krystof Lipinski	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Brian Moscarelli	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Linda Walsh	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour
Deidre Whiston	Tutor	\$27.50 per hour

k. Appointment – Teaching Assistant – 2007-08

<u>Name</u>	<u>School & Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
David B. Lamberton, Jr.	High School ISS Supervision	Step 1 - \$23.56 per hour 4 hours per day 1/29/08 to on or before 6/27/08

l. Appointments – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Guards (Part time)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Lawrence House	Guard High School	\$19.59 per hour 17.5 hours per week 1/29/08 Probationary period to end 10/6/08
Vincent Calla	Guard High School	\$19.59 per hour 17.5 hours per week 1/29/08 Probationary period to end 10/6/08

m. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Substitute Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Donald Thomas	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 1/29/08

n. Increase in Hours – Non-Teaching: Substitute Staff (Part time)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Saundra Johnson	Food Service Worker Susan E. Wiley	Step 2 - \$12.46 per hour 4 hours per day 1/29/08

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

7. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the Recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the identification and placement of students with disabilities as listed below:

Case #7018	Case #7015	Case #5978	Case #7023	Case #7017
Case #7014	Case #6045	Case #5949	Case #7016	Case #6092
Case #6093	Case #6028			

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

8. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the identification and placement of students with disabilities as listed below:

Case #2980	Case #7021	Case #7022	Case #7024	Case #7025
Case #7009	Case #7008	Case #7020	Case #7007	Case #7026
Case #7010	Case #5958	Case #5380	Case #5409	Case #7027
Case #5716	Case #7019	Case #6037	Case #3348	Case #5406

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

9. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following policy changes:

2140	Board Member Removal from Office
2150	Unexpired Term Fulfillment
2160	School Board Member Ethics
2160-E	School Board Member Ethics Exhibit
2210	Annual School Board Reorganizational Meeting
2220	Board Officers
2230	Appointed Board Officials
2250	Board Committees

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following revised resolution of November 19, 2007 regarding school personnel who are authorized to initiate a referral to the Committee on Special Education:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following school officials are hereby authorized and designated to initiate referrals to the Committee on Special Education with respect to students suspected of having a disability:

- a) Executive Director of Student Services;
- b) Coordinator of Special Education;
- c) All Building Principals and Assistant Principals;
- d) All School Psychologists;
- e) All School Social Workers; and
- f) All School Guidance Counselors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other school personnel are authorized to make requests to the Committee for referral of a student suspected of having a disability.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to adopt the School Calendar for the 2008/2009 school year.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following proposed trips for the band and winter color guard for the spring semester:

February 16, 2008	New Milford, Connecticut
February 23, 2008	Trumbull, Connecticut
March 15, 2008	Naugatuck, Connecticut
April 5, 2008	Fairfield, Connecticut

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Copiague Union Free School District and Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, External Auditor, for the 2007/08 fiscal year at a cost of \$48,700.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor's Reports:

- a. General Fund - 1/2, 7, 16/08
- b. School Lunch Fund - 1/2, 16/08
- c. Federal Fund - 1/2, 16/08
- d. Vending Fund - 1/2, 16/08

2. Expenditure, Revenue, Investment, and Extracurricular Reports – November 2007

3. Enrollment Report for the period ending December 28, 2007

4. Superintendent's Report:

BOCES Referendum will take place on Tuesday, January 29th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Brennan Middle/High School in N. Babylon. BOCES will pay for the \$3.35 million capital project from its capital fund with no additional cost to local school districts.

Dr. Bannon reported that the ELA and Regents testing has been completed.

5. A presentation was given by Dr. Bannon on the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

2270.1	Litigation Procedures
2342	Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
2360-R	Minutes Regulation

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

1220	Relations With Community and Business Organizations
1800	Gifts from the Public
6200	Revenue
6230	Federal Funds
6235	Grants
2410	Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies
2440	Administration in Policy Absence
2450	Policy Dissemination
2460	Policy Review and Evaluation
2510	New Board Member Orientation
2521	School Board Conferences, Conventions, Workshops
2530	Membership in School Boards Association
2531	Board Attendance at School Related Functions
2700	Board-Staff Communications
3000	Administrative Goals
6645	Fixed Assets Accounting

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a letter from Congressman Steve Israel inviting them to a meeting in Washington, D.C. to discuss energy efficiency in our schools.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Middle School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VOICE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Sales announced that Doris Fischer was made Regional Director of Suffolk County PTA. He also mentioned that all PTA's across the state will be participating in Virtual Lobby Day on March 20th.

Mr. Sales reported on the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Executive Meeting.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

There was no voice of the people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to go into Executive Session to discuss particular persons.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk